

Healthy Kansas Minute Radio Interview – National Infant Immunization Week

Joe: This is the Healthy Kansas Minute. I'm Joe Blubaugh, and with me is Sue Bowden, Director of the Kansas Immunization Program with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. This week is National Infant Immunization Week, an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sue: Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. Immunization is a shared responsibility. Families, healthcare providers, and public health officials must work together to help protect the entire community.

Joe: Why is it especially important for infants to get their full complement of vaccines?

Sue: Infants are particularly vulnerable to infectious diseases; that is why it is critical to protect them through immunization. Parents are encouraged to talk to their healthcare provider to ensure that their infant is up-to-date on immunizations.

Joe: Thank you, Sue. To learn more about immunizing your children, please visit www.immunize.org. This has been the Healthy Kansas Minute.